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SIPP inspectors' step-two legal examination

Subject area breakdown

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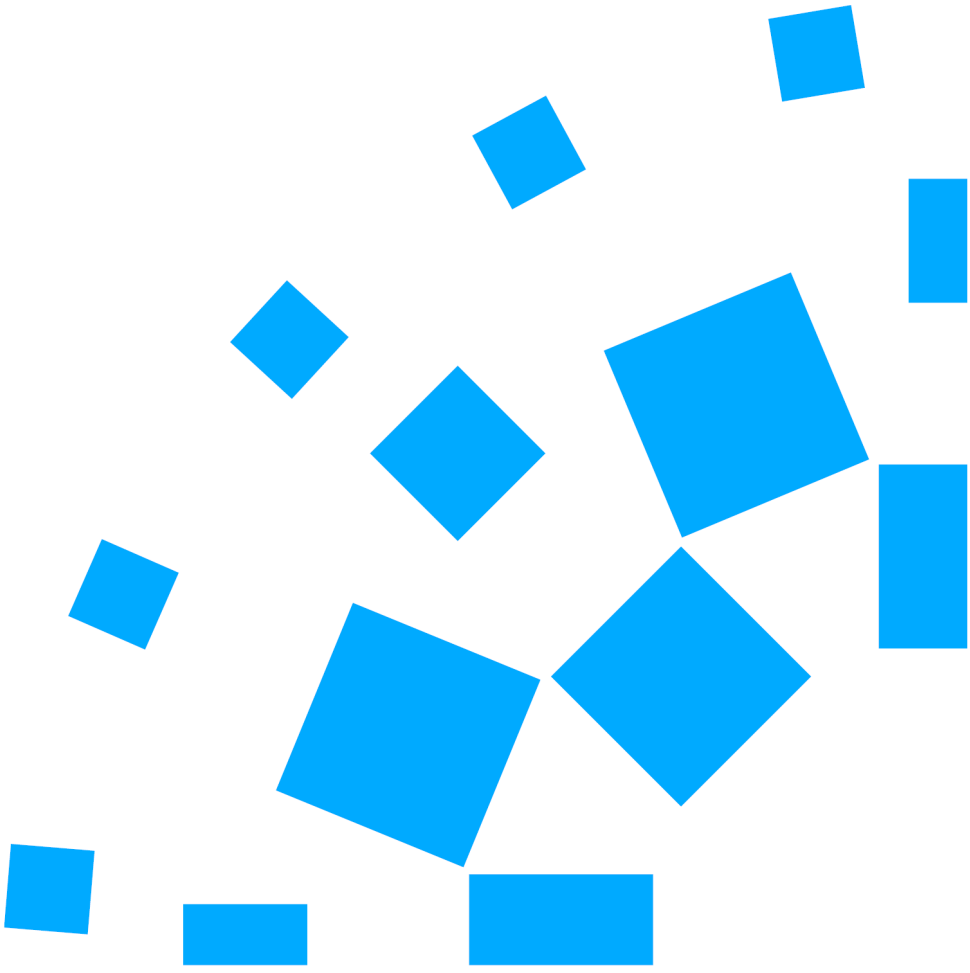

Course	Skill	Subject
Evidence and procedure	Detention and treatment of persons by police officers: PACE Code C	Code C-3: Initial action
Evidence and procedure	Detention and treatment of persons by police officers: PACE Code C	Code C-14: Questioning – Special restrictions
Evidence and procedure	Detention and treatment of persons by police officers: PACE Code C	Code C-15: Reviews and extensions of detention
Evidence and procedure	Detention and treatment of persons by police officers: PACE Code C	Code C, Annex E: Summary of provisions relating to vulnerable persons
Evidence and procedure	Detention and treatment of persons by police officers: PACE Code C	Custody officer
Evidence and procedure	Identification: PACE Code D	Code D-6: Identification by body samples and impressions
Evidence and procedure	Identification: PACE Code D	Code D, Annex A: Video identification
Evidence and procedure	Identification: PACE Code D	Code D, Annex E: Showing photographs to eye-witnesses
Evidence and procedure	Interviews: PACE Codes of Practice C, E and F	Code C-11: Interviews – general
Evidence and procedure	Interviews: PACE Codes of Practice C, E and F	Code C, Annex C: Restriction on drawing adverse inferences from silence and terms of the caution when the restriction applies
Evidence and procedure	Interviews: PACE Codes of Practice C, E and F	Code E-3: Interview recording using removable recording media device

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Evidence and procedure	Interviews: PACE Codes of Practice C, E and F	Code F-2: When interviews and matters to which Code F applies may be visually recorded with sound and provisions for their conduct and recording
Evidence and procedure	Interviews: PACE Codes of Practice C, E and F	Interviews on behalf of Scottish forces and vice versa
Evidence and procedure	Release of person arrested	Custody officer – granting bail
Evidence and procedure	Release of person arrested	Grounds for refusing police bail
Evidence and procedure	Release of person arrested	Offence of absconding by person released on bail
Evidence and procedure	Release of person arrested	Police bail restrictions
Evidence and procedure	Release of person arrested	Pre-charge release of person arrested and bail
Evidence and procedure	Release of person arrested	Remands in police custody
General police duties	Complaints and misconduct	Misconduct procedures
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General police duties	Entry, search and seizure	Code B-3: Search warrants and production orders
General police duties	Entry, search and seizure	Code B-4: Entry without warrant – particular powers
General police duties	Entry, search and seizure	Code B-7: Seizure and retention of property

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General police duties	Entry, search and seizure	Code B-10: Searches under schedule 5 to the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Act 2011 and schedule 11 to the National Security Act 2023
General police duties	Entry, search and seizure	Execution of a warrant
General police duties	Entry, search and seizure	Search warrants for indictable offences
General police duties	Stop and search	Code A-2: Types of stop and search powers
General police duties	Stop and search	Code A-3: Conduct of searches
General police duties	Stop and search	Code A-4: Recording requirements
General police duties	Unsatisfactory performance and attendance	Other regulations
General police duties	Unsatisfactory performance and attendance	The first stage
General police duties	Unsatisfactory performance and attendance	The third stage
General police duties	Unsatisfactory performance and attendance	The second stage

Please note that this subject area breakdown is only useful and valid for the May 2026 SIPP inspectors' exam. It should not be used to try to work out what will be tested in future examinations.

As part of the validation process, the number of questions removed in each area from this examination were:

- Evidence and procedure – 1
- General police duties – 4

The word count for this exam is approximately 6,721 words. Please note that this is for the full 40 exam questions.

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